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            CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION
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            HONORABLE R. GARY KLAUSNER, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
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    UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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                          PLAINTIFF,
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                                        ) No. CR 15-00595-RGK
               VS.
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    ANGELO HARPER, JR.,
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                         DEFENDANT.
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             LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
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                                9:04 A.M.
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              THE CLERK: Calling calendar item No. 1, case
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    No. Criminal 15-595-RGK, United States of America versus
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    Angelo Harper, Jr.
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          Counsel, please state your appearances.
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              MS. PALMER: Good morning, Your Honor. Carley Palmer
     and George Pence for the United States, and with us at
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     counsel's table is AUSA Tom Stout and Special Agent Jonathan
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     Ruiz.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Counsel.
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              MS. ROSSI: Good morning, Your Honor. Rachel Rossi
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     and Jennifer Uyeda on behalf of Mr. Angelo Harper, Jr., who is
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    present in custody.
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              THE COURT: Thank you, Counsel.
          In this matter there were three counts originally. The
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     defendant has already pled guilty to two. Today is the day set
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     for trial for Count 1, which is the advertising count.
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          Are both sides ready to proceed?
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              MS. ROSSI: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MS. PALMER: Yes, Your Honor. There are a couple
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    housekeeping matters we'd like to take care of before we go
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             THE COURT: Okay.
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             MS. PALMER: Since this is a bench trial, we would
     like to request -- we would like to clarify that we don't need
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     to ask to publish once something has been admitted into
     evidence.
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              THE COURT: Once it's been admitted into evidence, you
     won't have to publish. Or, excuse me, you won't have to ask to
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    publish.
             MS. PALMER: And the government would like to move in
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     Exhibits 1, 3, 5 and 7, based on our business records notice
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     that we filed earlier with the Court, as well as Exhibit 31.
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             THE COURT: Okay. Any objection?
             MS. ROSSI: No, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Okay? Okay.
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           (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibits 1,
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           3, 5, 7 and 31.)
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             THE COURT: Counsel, wish to proceed?
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             MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we do have motions in limine
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    pending.
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             THE COURT: Yeah, Counsel, I know you do. You have
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    motions in limine that were filed when this was still a jury
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     trial. They are evidentiary issues. I can handle them as they
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     come up. I don't see what the problem is with a court trial.
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     If there's anything you think you need for a court trial,
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     that's fine, let me know; I'll be happy to resolve those right
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     now.
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              MS. ROSSI: Well, Your Honor, we do have a motion
    pending to exclude one of the government's witnesses. If the
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     Court would prefer to wait until that witness testifies or now.
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              THE COURT: Yeah, when the witness testifies. I mean,
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     if you want it earlier, that's fine. I can do it now if you
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     want, if you want to argue it now, but I can also do it at the
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     time they call that witness.
              MS. ROSSI: We would prefer to do it now, if the
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     Court --
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              THE COURT: Okay. There is a -- I believe it was on
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     the expert witness.
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              MS. ROSSI: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Counsel want to be heard?
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor.
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          The defense argues that the government provided improper
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     notice of the expert witness, and that is simply not the case.
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     On June 29th, the government provided a detailed notice that
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     described exactly who the witness was, what his opinion would
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     be, his qualifications to provide that opinion, and how he
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     would arrive at that opinion.
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              THE COURT: Counsel, let me ask before we even get
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     started, the testimony of the witness in the motion in limine
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     indicated he's going to be testifying to whether or not these
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were Photoshopped or whether or not they are accurate images.
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              MR. PENCE: That's correct, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Is it an issue? Has anybody questioned
     it? Has anybody indicated that they're going to argue that
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     it's not? Has anybody indicated that they are Photoshopped?
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     If it's not an issue, it's not an issue, and so I don't know
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     why you would be calling the witness. Now, I don't know if the
     defense is going to put it into issue or not. If they are,
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     then I'll be happy to address it. That's one of the reasons I
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     wanted to wait till the end. If they don't put it into issue,
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     then their argument would be irrelevant, what he has to
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     testify. If they do put it into issue, then I'll have to
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     determine that.
              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, I agree with your preferred
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     approach, would be to save argument until the witness has
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     actually testified.
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              THE COURT: You have an indication, or if counsel
     wants to represent at this time they are putting that into
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     issue, I'll decide it now. Or we can wait.
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          (Counsel confer privately.)
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, there is no stipulation on the
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     table concerning the nature of the images that are -- that the
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     government plans to show.
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              THE COURT: I just don't know where you're going on
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          The reason I say that, Counsel, is -- well, let me give
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     you an analogy. You can have an eyewitness identification, and
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     as the government, you don't have to go into proof that there's
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     no twin out there unless they put it into issue. If there's no
     evidence there's a twin, then it's not even an issue. I don't
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     know if that's a good analogy or not. In this case, if you
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     introduce a photograph, it's presumed to be accurate. If they
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     attack it, if there's any evidence, then you're going to have
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     to bring in your witness.
             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, I believe --
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             MR. STOUT: Could we have a moment?
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             THE COURT: Sure.
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         Now, counsel, if either one of you have law saying that
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     that's not true, let me know, but that's my understanding of
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     the law.
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             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, we do have the burden in this
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     case --
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             THE COURT: Yeah.
             MR. PENCE: -- of establishing that the defendant
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     intended to post -- the advertisement that the defendant posted
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     was for pictures of actual children, real children.
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              THE COURT: And you'd have the obligation to show that
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     this was the person that was identified, not a twin, also. I
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    mean, I just don't understand why it's going on. But I'm going
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     to back off. You can argue it. You can argue it. But it just
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     doesn't seem -- until there's some evidence that this was
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     Photoshopped or puts it into issue, I just don't see it being
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     relevant. Assuming that it is put in issue, go ahead and make
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     your argument.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, David Jones will provide
     testimony that the images that he's viewed and which the
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     government intends to offer the Court today do depict what they
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     appear to depict.
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              THE COURT: I'm assuming he's going to testify to
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     that. That's what you said in your moving papers.
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              MR. PENCE: Yes. And the notice we provided to the
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     defense counsel, which is the basis of their objection to his
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     testimony today, was more than adequate under 16(a)(1)(G).
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     16(a)(1)(G) provides that the government must provide --
     identify the witness, basis and reasons for the witness and the
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     qualifications to provide that. Our June 29th notice provided
     all of that information.
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          What the defense seems to want is a detailed report from
     our witness that explains all of the factors that went into his
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     determination. 16(a)(1)(G) simply does not require such a
     report. At this point, the defense knows exactly the images
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     that are at issue and knows precisely what the defense --
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    Mr. Jones is going to testify about. Given that that's the
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     case, there's no grounds for excluding his testimony based on
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     deficient notice under 16(a)(1)(G).
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THE COURT:

Okay.

Counsel.

MS. ROSSI: Yes, Your Honor.

The point of the notice requirements in Rule 16 are to give the defense adequate time to prepare cross-examination, to obtain its own expert, and to adequately defend against that expert that the government presents. And here, yesterday at around noon, the government finally presented some of the basis of the opinions of that expert. The government previously only provided to defense the conclusions of the expert in a very summary form in a paragraph stating that he would testify that the images are not morphed, composited or digitally altered.

The requirements under Rule 16 are for the government to present evidence or to present the summary of why the expert came to that conclusion, and that reason being so that the defense can determine whether it needs to hire its own expert, whether it needs to prepare cross-examination in specific ways.

In addition, the Court needs to make a finding as to whether it's proper expert testimony, and the Court cannot do so here. In --

THE COURT: Counsel, let me just back off. I don't know why this case is being handled the way it's -- I know you had an objection to it, you'd like to have seen it handled differently. The Court has an objection to it insofar as it would like it handled differently, but I'm not going to allow this to be turned -- you know, make a mountain out of a

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molehill on this.
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          Let me just ask a couple of questions. When did you
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     inform him that that was going to be an issue as to whether or
     not they were real or not? Did you inform him? Because if you
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     didn't, he doesn't have any obligation. He could come up at
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     the last minute, if you put something in issue, and say, "Okay,
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     I need an expert to refute this." Was there any indication to
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     the government prior to this trial that that was going to be an
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     issue as far as the defense was concerned?
              MS. ROSSI: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: When did you give him that information?
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor --
              THE COURT: When did he know or should have known that
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     that was going to be an issue?
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              MS. ROSSI: Well, Your Honor, in about November of
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     last year, the government presented to defense NCMEC reports,
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     which are reports from the National Center for Exploited or
     Missing Children, which would show whether images contained in
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     the discovery -- in the evidence that the government has
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     retrieved in this case depict actual children, and at that time
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     the government should have known by its own evidence that the
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     images posted in the chat room that are relevant to Counts 1
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     and 2 in this case were not depicting actual children.
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              THE COURT: Okay. So one of your objections is that
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    he did not file, or did not serve you in a timely manner with
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The plea

1 his expert and what the expert was going to be testifying to? 2 MS. ROSSI: Yes, Your Honor. And when we did get 3 expert notice, we do have a forensic expert who just analyzes 4 the devices and what's contained on them, and we asked our forensic expert what these conclusions mean, and he wasn't able 5 to give us that answer, so we weren't able to get our own 6 7 expert to prepare adequate cross-examination. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, if you knew in November, why did we wait till 9 right before trial to provide that? 10 11 MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the chronology has been 12 oversimplified by defense counsel. The charges against 13 defendant include advertising, possession and distribution. That's what they were as of a week ago. In June, before 14 15 defendant pleaded, the government had been informed by defense counsel of the likelihood of the probability that the defendant 16 17 would plead. That would greatly shrink the nature of the case and the number of images that would be shown to the Court in 18 19 order to prove up the government's case. At the time, the government, out of an abundance of 20 21 caution, let defense counsel know the identity of the expert 22 that it expected to testify in the event that the substance of 23 these videos and photos, i.e., whether they depicted actual 24 children, would be at issue. That representation was made --

that notice was provided to defense counsel in June.

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occurred on July 12, and it was only after the plea occurred
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     that the defense for the first time raised any concern with the
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     notification that the government had provided to the defense in
     June.
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          The government, as soon as that plea occurred, promptly,
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     promptly had its expert review the images that would be
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     necessary to show at trial, disclosed those images to defense
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     counsel and provided the necessary disclosures that allowed
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     defendant to prepare its case.
          The November conversation that defense counsel is
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     describing, there's no evidence that I know of of any
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     conversation between defense counsel and the government at that
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     point in time, but even assuming that there was, the mere fact
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     that the government may or may not have known in November that
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     there were real images of children did not require the
     government to provide notice in November of the actual expert
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     that it would use to --
              THE COURT: When would timely notice have been?
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              MR. PENCE: We provided timely notice. All that is
     required is that the defendant have a reasonable -- a
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     reasonable notice and a summary of the expected testimony. We
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     provided notice almost three weeks before trial of the identity
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     of the expert.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Anything else from either side?
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No, Your Honor. Thank you.

MR. PENCE:

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MS. ROSSI: Just to clarify, Your Honor, the identity
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     of the expert was provided on June 29th. The images that the
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     expert actually was opining on, that information was provided
     July 14th. And the analysis or how the expert came to its
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     conclusions was provided yesterday. So even had -- we would
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     not have been able to get an expert in time to analyze the
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     government's expert's conclusions.
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              THE COURT: I thought you said you already went to an
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     expert and they could not provide you with that information.
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              MS. ROSSI: Well, we had a different expert,
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     Your Honor, who analyzed just the contents of what was on the
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     devices, and that expert was not an expert in morphing or
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     compositing or digital altering of images. So our expert that
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     we already have was not able to opine --
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              THE COURT: So that was an issue that you anticipated
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    might come up, I'm assuming.
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, it didn't. It's the
     government's burden to prove that --
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              THE COURT: It may not even be an issue in this case.
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     That's what I'm saying, it may not even be an issue. I'm going
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     to reserve the ruling until that part of the trial where it
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     comes up, okay.
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              MS. ROSSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: And if it comes up at that time and if we
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     do allow the expert, counsel, I can tell you right now I'll
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     give you time as far as continuing this case over. We can do
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     this -- it's a court trial, to -- if you need it, to provide
    you time to get an expert on it.
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          Okay. Let's go. Ready to proceed? Any other matters you
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     want before? Motions in limine, anything else, before?
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              MR. PENCE: No, Your Honor. The government is ready
     to proceed.
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              THE COURT: Go ahead. Go ahead.
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          Do you care to make an opening statement, Counsel?
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              MR. PENCE: We do, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.
              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, on October 28th, 2015, the
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     United States charged the defendant with a three-count
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     indictment. The first and second count in that indictment were
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     for advertising and distribution of child pornography in 2015.
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     The third count of that indictment concerned defendant's
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    possession of child pornography in 2014.
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          As Your Honor just recognized a moment ago, on July 12th,
     defendant pleaded to the 2015 distribution charge and the 2014
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     possession charge. So all that is before the Court to decide
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     today is whether the defendant committed the crime of
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     advertising child pornography.
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          The elements of that crime are, one, that the defendant
     knowingly made, printed, published or caused to be made,
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printed or published, an advertisement; two, that the advertisement offered to receive, exchange, buy, produce, display, distribute or reproduce any visual depiction if the production of that visual depiction utilized a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction is of such conduct; and three, that the defendant knew or had reason to know the advertisement would be transported across state lines or mailed, or such advertisement was actually transported across state lines or mailed.

As the Court will hear today, defendant advertised to others that he had child pornography to exchange. He made this advertisement using an Internet application called Kik

Messenger. That application hosts online chat rooms. A chat room consists of a continuous feed of posts by the members of that chat room. Those posts could consist of text messages, videos or photographs.

On August 26, 2015, the defendant visited an existing chat room called "#NEPILOVERS." The home screen for that chat room made clear that the chat room was about and for child pornography. Specifically, the home screen for that chat room stated, quote, "All the things toddler n nepi," end quote. The term "nepi" is simply shorthand for the term "nepiophilia," which is a subtype of pedophilia that specifically involves a sexual attraction to toddlers and infants.

Now, defendant's Kik account was not in his own name.

Rather, the defendant used a false name to disguise his identity on Kik. The false name that he used was Bobby Green.

Now, shortly after the defendant entered the chat room, he made the advertisements that are the subject of this case.

Specifically, he advertised to the other members of the chat room that he had child pornography to distribute or to trade.

Specifically, he stated, and I quote, one, "You guys like toddler boys or girls? I have pics and vids of both," end quote.

He also said, quote, "I have tons of pics and vids of little boys and girls. PM me for chat and trade of kids under six," end quote.

Now, the term "PM" is shorthand for "personal message," or "private message." Private messages are a feature that the Kik application has that allows its users to communicate privately outside the context of the chat room environment.

Defendant, in other words, advertised for the trade or distribution of child pornography within the chat room, which could accommodate up to 50 people, and invited other members of that chat room to then trade, trade photographs or videos of child pornography in private communications that would not be made public to the entire chat room. Moreover, that day, the defendant posted, alongside these advertisements, sexually explicit photos of children; specifically, infants engaged in sexually explicit acts.

Now, notably, the defendant's plea to distribution of child pornography related precisely to the photos and videos that he posted within the NEPILOVERS chat room.

In October 2015, Special Agent Patrick McCall uncovered Bobby Green's advertisements inside the NEPILOVERS chat room. He investigated those advertisements, and he was able to determine from his office in Delaware that those posts had been made by an IP address located in Moreno Valley, California.

On October 13th, 2015, law enforcement executed a search warrant at that address. Defendant was present when that search warrant was executed. Law enforcement found that day on defendant's person his iPhone, which he used to distribute child pornography on Kik. They also found in defendant's bedroom two HTC mobile phones, which defendant also used for the purpose of distributing child pornography.

That day, law enforcement was able to access defendant's phones because defendant provided law enforcement with the passwords that were necessary to access them, and on those phones, law enforcement found pictures of child pornography and videos of child pornography, and specifically, law enforcement found photographs and video that are visually similar to the photographs that defendant — and video that defendant posted on Kik.

Now, that day, law enforcement had the opportunity to interview the defendant, and during that interview, the

defendant made numerous admissions that are relevant to this case.

First, defendant admitted that the Bobby Green account belonged to him. And not only that, but that he had had that account for at least six months, which means that he had had that account since before the advertisements that are the subject of this trial were posted.

Defendant also admitted during that interview that he used the Bobby Green account to distribute child pornography.

Defendant admitted that he used his smartphones to upload child pornography to the #NEPILOVERS chat room. He admitted that his iPhone contained child pornography and that law enforcement should expect to find it there, and he admitted that possessing and -- that he knew that possessing and distributing child pornography is illegal.

He also admitted that the child pornography that was on his electronic devices depicted actual children. Not cartoons, not paintings, not impressionistic stylizations of children, but actual children.

And defendant also admitted to having molested his niece, including when she was as young as six months old.

Your Honor, the government will present evidence today that clearly meets the elements of advertising child pornography. Therefore, the United States asks the Court, after reviewing all of this evidence and hearing it here today,

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     to return a guilty verdict.
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          Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Thank you, Counsel.
          Counsel, would you care to make an opening statement now,
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     or would you like to reserve it?
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              MS. ROSSI: We'll reserve it, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
          Counsel, you want to call your first witness?
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              MS. PALMER: Yes, Your Honor.
          The government calls Special Agent Patrick McCall to the
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     stand.
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              THE CLERK: Good morning. Right here to be sworn,
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     please.
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          Do you solemnly swear the testimony that you are about to
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     give in the matter now before the Court shall be the truth, the
     whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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              THE WITNESS: I do.
              THE CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.
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          May I please ask that you state your full name for the
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     record and spell your last name.
              THE WITNESS: Patrick Michael McCall, M-c-C-a-l-l.
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              THE COURT: You may inquire, Counsel.
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              MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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PATRICK MICHAEL McCALL, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS,

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. PALMER:

- 4 Q. Good morning, Agent McCall.
- 5 A. Good morning.
- 6 Q. Could you please tell the Court where you work.
- 7 A. I'm a special agent with the Department of Homeland
- 8 | Security, Homeland Security Investigations, in Wilmington,
- 9 Delaware.
- 10 Q. And what does your group do?
- 11 A. I'm primarily responsible for the investigations of cases
- 12 | involving child exploitation, the distribution of child
- 13 pornography, and solicitation of minors online.
- 14 Q. And what is your position within that group?
- 15 A. I'm a special agent.
- 16 Q. And what does that job entail?
- 17 A. The investigation of these crimes on the Internet.
- 18 | Q. How did you come to be involved in today's case?
- 19 A. I was conducting an undercover investigation on the Kik
- 20 | social media application.
- 21 Q. What is Kik?
- 22 A. Kik is essentially a mobile social media application that
- 23 | allows the users to communicate online and send messages
- 24 | between both parties. They can send messages individually or
- 25 | in a group setting and can transmit videos and images to each

other.

- 2 | Q. And are those messages, videos and images transmitted
- 3 through the Internet?
- 4 A. They are.
- 5 Q. How does a Kik chat room work?
- 6 A. Essentially a Kik chat room is created by another -- by
- 7 essentially a moderator. The Kik group or chat room can have
- 8 up to 50 members in the group, and in that group the users can
- 9 exchange messages, images and videos.
- 10 Q. How do you go about your Kik undercover investigations?
- 11 A. In this particular instance, we took over the account of a
- 12 | registered sex offender. He was utilizing Kik to distribute
- 13 child pornography. Through this use, we were able to go into
- 14 rooms that were being utilized for the distribution of child
- pornography.
- 16 Q. Did you ever access a Kik chat room called NEPILOVERS?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. How did you come across that chat room?
- 19 A. A link to the NEPILOVERS chat group was posted in one of
- 20 | the other chat groups that we were currently in. So I clicked
- 21 on the hyperlink that was posted by another user and was
- 22 granted access to that, to the NEPILOVERS chat group.
- 23 Q. And when was that?
- 24 A. It would have been sometime after March of 2015.
- 25 | Q. Were you in the NEPILOVERS chat room in October of 2015?

A. I was.

- 2 Q. Specifically when in October?
- 3 A. In October I was in the NEPILOVERS chat group on October
- 4 8th and October 12th of 2015.
- 5 Q. When you were in NEPILOVERS chat room, did you make any
- 6 observations about the conduct that you saw there?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What kind of conduct did you observe?
- 9 A. I noticed that the users within the chat group were
- 10 posting images of child pornography. They were also posting
- 11 videos as well.
- 12 | Q. Was all of this conduct on or after October 8th, 2015?
- 13 A. Actually, it was -- the conduct actually went back as far
- 14 as August 26th of 2015.
- 15 Q. How were you able to see the conduct that took place on
- 16 August 26, 2015?
- 17 A. When the poster made -- in the Kik chat group, the posts
- 18 | are chronological in order, so they go from the first post to
- 19 the last.
- 20 Q. When you accessed the NEPILOVERS chat room, what user name
- 21 | did you use?
- 22 A. "Likes Them Young."
- 23 Q. And why did you choose that user name?
- 24 | A. Essentially we chose that undercover screen name based on
- 25 | the fact that it was sexually suggestive to having a sexual

- interest in children.
- $2 \mid Q$. Was there any member of the Nepilover group that caught
- 3 your interest?
- 4 A. Yes.

- 5 Q. Who was that?
- 6 A. There was a user who had had the display name Bobby Green.
- 7 Q. Agent McCall, can you please turn to Exhibit 10 in the
- 8 binder in front of you. Do you recognize that exhibit?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How do you recognize it?
- 11 A. Because it has my signature on it.
- 12 Q. And what is it?
- 13 A. Essentially it's a clip of a video I made from my
- 14 undercover iPad one of the days that I was in the NEPILOVERS
- 15 chat group.
- 16 Q. When did you take that video?
- 17 | A. It would have either been on October 8th or October 12th
- 18 of 2015.
- 19 Q. And what does this video show?
- 20 A. Video shows the posts by a Kik user, Bobby Green, and the
- 21 post of child pornography that it was making within the room.
- 22 Q. Why did you take that video?
- 23 | A. The reason I took this video was that the user, Bobby
- 24 | Green, had no avatar associated with his screen name, so when
- 25 | you looked at the actual NEPILOVERS chat group, all you saw was

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a blank image. So by making a video, I went through each of
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    his posts and clicked on his avatar, showing that the actual
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    person making the post was the user Bobby Green.
    Q. And is the video in Exhibit 10, is that a fair and
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     accurate representation of the video that you took from your
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          And is it a fair and accurate representation of what you
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     observed in the NEPILOVERS chat room?
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          It is.
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              MS. PALMER: Your Honor, at this time I would move
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     Exhibit 10 into evidence.
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              THE COURT: It will be received.
          (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 10.)
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we still have -- some of the
     contents of that video are subject to our motion in limine to
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     exclude images of child pornography as well as videos.
              THE COURT: I understand that is part of it. Counsel,
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     one of the -- in that motion in limine, one of the things the
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     Court is concerned about, and I'll tell both sides, one, is it
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     relevant; two, is it repetitive, is there a need for it. Okay.
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              MS. PALMER: Yes, Your Honor. Can I take those
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     questions in turn?
              THE COURT: I'm sorry?
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              MS. PALMER: May I take those questions in turn?
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              THE COURT: Yes.
              MS. PALMER: All right. So, first, it is relevant
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     because part of the government's burden --
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              THE COURT: Oh, I'm not asking for argument on it,
     Counsel. I'm just telling you, I'm not ruling on it at this
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     time. She hasn't asked for a ruling on it at this time. I
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    don't know what it is, but I'm just telling you one of the
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     concerns the Court has is inundating or putting a whole lot of
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     images in when you only need one or two.
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              MS. PALMER: Understood, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MS. PALMER: At this time I would ask Agent Ruiz --
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              THE COURT: Counsel, if there's something that comes
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    up that you feel is irrelevant, not repetitive, irrelevant, let
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    me know.
              MS. ROSSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              MS. PALMER: Agent Ruiz, can you please play Exhibit
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          And I'll warn the Court that this does contain child
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    pornography.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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          (Video played.)
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we would object. At this
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    point in the video, we believe that the rest of the video is
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     subject to our motion in limine to exclude.
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- THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, let me, yeah, indicate I
- 2 | think it's getting repetitive now. This part of the video will
- 3 come in, which is the first two minutes, I guess, of the video,
- 4 is admissible.
- 5 MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 6 Q. Agent McCall, during that video, we saw various users come
- 7 | in and out of the NEPILOVERS chat room. What does that mean?
- 8 A. Well, as I stated earlier, the chat group has the capacity
- 9 for 50 individuals, so it's essentially a chronological feed.
- 10 A user could go into the chat group, post a message, and not
- 11 | necessarily physically remain in the group until he would come
- 12 | back in and see what other messages have been posted.
- 13 Q. Can you please turn to Exhibit 9 in the binder in front of
- 14 you. Agent McCall, do you recognize that exhibit?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How?
- 17 A. These are screen captures I made of my iPad device on the
- 18 day that I was in the NEPILOVERS chat group.
- 19 Q. And when did you take these screen shots?
- 20 A. It would have been on October 8th of 2015 and October 12th
- 21 of 2015.
- 22 Q. Are these screen shots a fair and accurate representation
- 23 of the images that you took with your iPad and what you saw in
- 24 the NEPILOVERS chat room?
- 25 A. Yes.

Besides the redactions? 1 Q. Α. Yes. 3 MS. PALMER: Your Honor, at this time I would move Exhibit 9 into evidence. 4 5 THE COURT: Be received. (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 9.) 6 7 MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, and again, the last nine pages 8 of the exhibit are subject to the motion in limine. They 9 correspond with the portion of the video that the Court 10 excluded. 11 THE COURT: Okay. 12 Okay. Go ahead, Counsel. 13 MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 Agent McCall, where were you when you took the video that 15 we saw in Exhibit 10? 16 In the state of Delaware. 17 Q. And where were you when you took the iPad pictures? In the state of Delaware. 18 19 When you joined the NEPILOVERS chat room, did you 20 investigate it? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. How? 23 A. We attempted to identify the user Bobby Green who had 24 posted images and videos of child pornography within that 25 group.

1 Did you do anything to investigate the NEPILOVERS chat Q. room generally? 3 Α. Not necessarily, no. 4 Did the NEPILOVERS chat room have a profile? Q. 5 It did. Α. And did you get any information about that chat room from 6 7 the profile? 8 Yes. Α. 9 What information did you get? I went to the actual profile page and made a screen 10 11 capture of it. The profile page shows the hash -- the actual 12 name of the chat group as being NEPILOVERS. The display name 13 states all that they --14 MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay. 15 THE COURT: I'm sorry? 16 MS. ROSSI: Hearsay. 17 MS. PALMER: Your Honor, if I may. 18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 MS. PALMER: It's not hearsay because it's not being 20 submitted for the truth of the matter asserted. It's going to 21 defendant's knowledge and intent as to what he was advertising 22 when he posted his messages in the NEPILOVERS chat room. 23 THE COURT: Overruled. 24 BY MS. PALMER:

Agent McCall, you can continue.

- A. The display name for the -- stated "All the things
- 2 | toddler n nepi." And above that, there was an avatar which
- 3 | showed pictures of young toddlers and an adult male's penis.
- 4 Q. Agent McCall, do you know what "nepi" means?
- 5 A. "Nepi" refers to nepiophilia, which is a sexual attraction
- 6 to infants and toddlers.
- 7 Q. You mentioned that you conducted an investigation of Bobby
- 8 Green. How did you do that?
- 9 A. We served a DHS summons on Kik Messenger for subscriber
- 10 | information relating to that user account.
- 11 Q. Did Bobby Green have a profile in the NEPILOVERS chat
- 12 room?

- 13 A. He had a profile, yes.
- 14 Q. Did you learn any information from that profile?
- 15 A. Just that his display, there was no avatar associated with
- 16 | his screen name and that -- only that his display name was
- 17 Bobby Green.
- 18 | Q. Was there an account name as well as the display name?
- 19 A. Yes. His Kik user name was CM8JIAW4.
- 20 Q. Does Kik have a time and date stamp feature?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And the time and date stamps that we see in the video and
- 23 on the iPad captures, what time zone are those in?
- 24 A. Eastern Standard Time.
- 25 Q. And why is that?

- 1 A. Because I was accessing them from the state of Delaware,
- 2 | which would have been Eastern Standard Time as well.
- 3 Q. Agent McCall, can you please turn to page 3 of Exhibit 9.
- 4 Did you see posts from Bobby Green on August 26, 2015?
- 5 A. I did.
- 6 Q. What did you see?
- 7 A. The post from October 26 of 2015, essentially there's
- 8 | three to four posts regarding where he states, "Hi, you guys
- 9 like toddler boys or girls?" question mark. "I have pics and
- 10 | vids of both, " with a wink emoji.
- 11 Q. Did Bobby Green post anything else on October 26, 2015?
- 12 | A. He posted a message, "You guys like toddler boys and
- 13 girls?" question mark. "I have pics and vids of both," winking
- 14 | emoji, and then two images of child pornography.
- 15 Q. Did he post anything else that day?
- 16 A. He finally posted a message, "I have tons of pics and vids
- 17 of little boys and girls. PM me for chat and trade of kids
- 18 under six, with a winking emoji.
- 19 Q. You said "PM." Does Kik have a private messaging feature?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What does that feature allow?
- 22 A. Essentially allows the users to communicate one-on-one
- 23 between one another.
- 24 Q. Did you see Bobby Green post on another day in the
- 25 NEPILOVERS chat room?

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          What day was that?
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, objection again. This goes to
    the motion in limine.
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              THE COURT: As to -- I'm sorry, Counsel?
              MS. ROSSI: As to everything posted in October, the
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    defense has objected on multiple grounds.
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              MS. PALMER: Your Honor, may I respond?
              THE COURT: Yes, you may.
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              MS. PALMER: These are messages and images that are
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     posted by the defendant using the same screen name in the same
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     account. They're essentially part of the same conversation.
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     As such, they provide important context for the messages that
    he displayed on August 26th.
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              THE COURT: I think so. I'm going to overrule the
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     objection.
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, is the Court still going to
     hear the motion in limine? It's a little more detailed than
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     the argument that --
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              THE COURT: Counsel, let me help you out. All the
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    motions in limine at this time I'm denying without prejudice.
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     You can bring them up as they come up in trial. The only
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    reason I would be sympathetic towards your motions in limine,
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     as I've said before, the only reason I'd be granting the
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    motions in limine on the ones that you've mentioned, it was
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     it's already in. You know, that's the repetitiveness of it.
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     the motions in limine, all motions in limine are denied at this
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     time subject to you renewing them at the time that you feel
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     it's proper in the case.
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             MS. ROSSI: Understood, Your Honor. And just to
     clarify, it's a separate conversation in October that the
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    defense is --
              THE COURT: I understand that. And I'm assuming
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     you're -- he's not being charged with this, is what you're
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     saying.
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              MS. ROSSI: Correct.
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              THE COURT: He's being charged with the first one.
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          And you're introducing it to show? Counsel?
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              MS. PALMER: I'm introducing the messages from October
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     7th and October 13th to show his knowledge as to the -- what he
     was advertising by placing the messages that he wrote on August
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     26, and this provides context for where he is and what people
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     are looking for there.
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              THE COURT: For that reason, the Court is overruling
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    the objection.
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              MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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     Q.
          Agent McCall, what was the next day that you saw Bobby
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     Green post in the NEPILOVERS chat room?
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- A. It would have been October 7th of 2015.
- Q. And what did he post that day?
- 3 A. I believe he posted three images of child pornography and
- 4 one video.

- 5 Q. What was the name of that video?
- 6 A. The video was titled "2YO boy toddler baby ram it fucks
- 7 and swallows dot avi."
- 8 Q. Did Bobby Green post any text messages?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What were those?
- 11 A. He posted, "Hello," smile emoji, "I'm liking the name of
- 12 this group, " heart emoji.
- 13 Q. Did he post anything else on October 7th?
- 14 A. He posted, "You guys like?" question mark.
- 15 Q. Did anyone respond?
- 16 A. One user responded, "Yeah."
- 17 Q. Were there any other days that Bobby Green posted in the
- 18 NEPILOVERS chat room?
- 19 A. Yes. He posted on October 11th -- I'm sorry. Yes,
- 20 October 11th of 2015.
- 21 THE COURT: Counsel, the objection now is going to be
- 22 sustained by the Court as being cumulative and more
- 23 | time-consuming and prejudicial than it is probative.
- MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor. I'll move on.
- 25 | Q. Agent McCall, can you please turn to Exhibit 12 in the

- binder in front of you. Do you recognize that exhibit?
- 2 A. I do.

- 3 Q. How?
- 4 A. These are captures of the actual video that was posted on
- 5 October 11th. And I've actually watched the video itself.
- 6 Q. And are these captures a fair and accurate representation
- 7 of what you saw in the video that you downloaded from the
- 8 NEPILOVERS chat room?
- 9 A. They are.
- 10 Q. Is this the same video that you mentioned earlier?
- 11 A. It is.
- 12 Q. And are they a fair and accurate representation, with the
- 13 exception of the fact that these are redacted?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 MS. PALMER: Your Honor, at this time I would move
- 16 Exhibit 12 into evidence.
- MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, if I could, this is the video
- 18 | that Mr. Harper pled guilty two in Count 2. We're objecting as
- 19 | it being -- as this video being irrelevant and under 403, but
- 20 | specifically, this is a video October 7th that Mr. Harper pled
- 21 | quilty to in Count 2. It is separate from the August 26th
- 22 advertising charge.
- 23 MS. PALMER: May I respond, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: No. It's overruled.
- MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 Q. Agent McCall, do you want me to repeat the question?
- 2 A. Yes, please.
- 3 Q. Are the images in Exhibit 12 an accurate representation of
- 4 what you saw in that video?
- 5 A. They are.
- 6 MS. PALMER: I would move to admit Exhibit 12 into
- 7 evidence.
- 8 THE COURT: Be received.
- 9 MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 12.)
- 11 BY MS. PALMER:
- 12 | Q. Agent McCall, can you please turn to Exhibit 1 in the
- 13 | binder in front of you. Do you recognize that exhibit?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. How?
- 16 A. This is a copy of a production of records that I received
- 17 | from Kik Messenger pursuant to the summons I served upon them.
- 18 | Q. Are these true and correct copies of the return that you
- 19 received from Kik?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And what did you learn from these documents?
- 22 A. The documents provided me information relating to the
- 23 | subscriber account for Bobby Green on the Kik Messenger
- 24 | network. It essentially told me what his user name and display
- 25 | name were and that he was using an Android phone on the Sprint

- network to access Kik.
- Q. Did those records also tell you an e-mail address that was
- 3 | associated with the Bobby Green account?
- 4 A. Yes.

- 5 Q. What was that?
- 6 MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay.
- 7 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Fakesofemail@fakemails.com.
- 9 BY MS. PALMER:
- 10 Q. Could that be fakestofemail@fakermails.com?
- 11 A. Yes, I'm sorry, that's correct.
- 12 | Q. And did that document give you any information about the
- 13 | IP address associated with the Bobby Green account?
- 14 A. It did.
- 15 Q. What did it tell you?
- 16 A. The records show that an IP address of 104.175.141.234 was
- 17 used to access Kik Messenger.
- 18 Q. After receiving this information from Kik, what was the
- 19 | next step of your investigation into Bobby Green?
- 20 A. We conducted an investigation of that particular IP
- 21 | address that I just described. We learned that the IP address
- 22 | was located in the Riverside, California, area.
- 23 Q. How did you learn that?
- 24 | A. Through a website called Maxmind.com. It's basically a
- 25 | website that allows -- that provides information regarding IP

- 1 addresses, geo location, and who is actually the host of that
- 2 IP address.
- 3 Q. And what did you learn from Maxmind.com about the IP
- 4 | address associated with the Bobby Green account that was
- 5 posting in NEPILOVERS?
- 6 A. We learned that the IP address was subscribed to Time
- 7 | Warner Cable and was located in the Riverside, California,
- 8 area.
- 9 Q. Can you please turn to Exhibit 5 in the binder in front of
- 10 you. Do you recognize that document?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 Q. How?
- 13 A. This is a copy of the production of records that was
- 14 | provided to me by Time Warner Cable pursuant to the summons I
- 15 | served upon them for that IP address I just described.
- 16 Q. And is that a true and correct copy of the return that you
- 17 | received from Time Warner Cable?
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 | Q. And what did you learn from that document?
- 20 A. The document showed that this particular IP address was
- 21 | subscribed to an Angelo Harper, the subscriber address is 12959
- 22 Lasselle Street in Moreno Valley, California, and that the
- 23 | service was currently active since October 5th of 2010.
- 24 | Q. Did this return from Time Warner Cable tell you about when
- 25 | this account was used?

A. Yes.

- 2 | Q. Did it specifically say it was used at a time associated
- 3 | with any activity you saw in the NEPILOVERS chat room?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What was that?
- 6 MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay.
- 7 THE COURT: Over- --
- 8 MS. ROSSI: It's also not contained in the document,
- 9 Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.
- 11 BY MS. PALMER:
- 12 Q. You can answer the question, Agent McCall.
- THE COURT: No, it's sustained.
- MS. PALMER: Oh, it's sustained?
- 15 | Q. What information did you give Time Warner Cable in order
- 16 to receive this return?
- 17 A. We provided Time Warner Cable with the IP address and a
- 18 | time range when the images were posted to -- images and videos
- 19 were posted to the NEPILOVERS chat group.
- 20 Q. Thank you, Agent McCall.
- 21 What did you do next in your investigation?
- 22 A. We conducted an investigation of Angelo Harper to verify
- 23 | that he was actually the subscriber at this address in Moreno
- 24 Valley, California.
- 25 Q. And what did you do next?

1 We learned that Angelo Harper was a registered sex Α. offender, and based on those circumstances, we contacted the 3 HSI office in Riverside, California, for further investigation. Did you contact any particular individual there? 4 Q. Special Agent Jonathan Ruiz. 5 Α. 6 MS. PALMER: Your Honor, may I have a moment to confer 7 with co-counsel? 8 THE COURT: Yes. 9 MS. PALMER: Thank you. 10 (Government counsel confer privately.) 11 MS. PALMER: No further questions at this time, 12 Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 14 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 15 BY MS. ROSSI: 16 Good morning, Agent McCall. 17 A. Good morning. You said that Kik is a mobile messaging device? 18 19 It's a mobile messaging application. 20 And does that mean that it is used on mobile devices such 0. 21 as cell phones? 22 Cell phones, tablets, yes. Α. 23 And you said that the chat groups can contain up to 50 24 people in them?

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Correct.

- 1 Q. But that doesn't mean that they always have 50 people
- 2 total in the chat room.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And when you enter a Kik chat group, you can see who's in
- 5 the chat room?
- 6 A. You can see who are the other members at that time in
- 7 | that -- for that group.
- 8 Q. And you can also see when someone enters the chat room and
- 9 when they leave the chat room while you're in the chat room,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Only if they were to post a message would I see that
- 12 | another person, you know, was physically -- or had physically
- 13 posted a message to that group.
- 14 | Q. But you also see when they enter and exit, correct?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You don't see in the Kik chat room when a user enters the
- 17 chat room?
- 18 | A. Well, a message would have -- would post that
- 19 | such-and-such has left the chat or has entered the chat, yes.
- 20 Q. And Agent McCall, you discuss an Angelo Harper who was a
- 21 | registered sex offender. That was Mr. Harper here's father,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. That was Angelo Harper, Sr.?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And that was the name of the IP address that you were
- 2 investigating initially on the subscriber information, correct?
- 3 A. Yes, that was a subscribe -- that was the subscriber for
- 4 that IP address, yes.
- 5 Q. During the course of your investigation, you also learned
- 6 that Kik is a company based in Canada?
- 7 A. It is.
- 8 MS. ROSSI: May I have a moment, Your Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes.
- MS. ROSSI: No further questions, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Okay. Redirect?
- MS. PALMER: Brief, Your Honor.

13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 14 BY MS. PALMER:
- 15 Q. Would the subscriber to an Internet service be the person
- 16 who pays that bill?
- 17 A. Not necessarily.
- 18 | Q. Can members who view a posting -- can members in a Kik
- 19 | chat room view a posting in that chat room even if they aren't
- 20 | physically in the chat room at the time it's posted?
- 21 | A. You're not -- I'm confused what you mean by "physically in
- 22 | the chat room, " chat group.
- 23 Q. Can a member of the chat room view something that's posted
- 24 | in the chat room even if they don't have that Kik screen open
- 25 | on their phone at that time that that message is posted?

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          Yes, because the messages are chronological in nature, so
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     the earliest message goes to the latest message.
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         So a member in that chat room could post something that
     another member could read later; is that correct?
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         Correct.
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         And on October 8th, 2015, you read the Bobby Green
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    postings from August 26th, 2015, correct?
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         Correct.
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              MS. PALMER: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Any recross?
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              MS. ROSSI: May I have a moment, Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: Sure.
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          (Defendant's counsel confer privately.)
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              MS. ROSSI: No questions, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay. You may step down.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Next witness.
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             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government calls Oladele
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     Salaam.
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              THE CLERK: Good morning, Mr. Salaam. Right here to
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    be sworn. And you prefer an affirmation?
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              THE WITNESS: Yes.
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              THE CLERK: Okay. Do you affirm under the penalty of
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    perjury that the testimony you are about to give in the cause
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     now before the Court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and
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              THE WITNESS: I do.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.
          May I please ask that you state and spell your full name
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     for the record.
              THE WITNESS: My name is Oladele Salaam.
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              THE COURT: Okay. You may inquire, Counsel.
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                  OLADELE SALAAM, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS,
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Mr. Salaam, what do you do for a living?
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          I'm a special agent with ICE, Homeland Security
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     Investigations.
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          Do you have any particular responsibilities as an ICE
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     agent?
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          I'm a computer forensics agent.
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          A computer forensics agent is a special agent who has
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    received additional training in basic computer evidentiary copy
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     training.
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          When did you become a computer forensics agent?
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          I completed my basic training in 2013 April.
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          What training have you received as a computer forensics
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     agent?
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- 1 A. In addition to my basic computer evidentiary training,
- 2 I've also received advanced computer evidentiary copy training,
- 3 | mobile forensics training, training in vendor-specific software
- 4 like X-Ways, EnCase and FTK.
- 5 Q. What computer forensics tools have you been trained to
- 6 use, if any?
- 7 A. EnCase by Guidance Software, FTK by AccessData, Analyze by
- 8 Griffeye. I use Cellebrite, UFED, and several others.
- 9 Q. How much time have you spent training specifically in the
- 10 | forensic examination of mobile phones?
- 11 A. A week total.
- 12 | Q. And how much time in total have you spent training in the
- 13 forensic examination of electronic devices?
- 14 A. 14 weeks.
- 15 Q. Have you performed a forensic examination of an iPhone?
- 16 A. Yes, I have.
- 17 Q. How many times?
- 18 A. At least 20 times.
- 19 Q. And have you ever performed a forensic examination of a
- 20 micro SD card?
- 21 A. Yes, I have.
- 22 Q. And how many times have you done that?
- 23 A. At least 20 times.
- 24 Q. How many forensic examinations in total have you
- 25 performed?

- 1 A. I've performed more than a hundred examinations.
- 2 MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government offers Special
- 3 Agent Salaam as an expert in the area of computer forensics.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. PENCE:
- 6 Q. Are you aware that on October 13, 2015, law enforcement
- 7 | executed a search and seizure warrant for 12959 Lasselle Street
- 8 in Moreno Valley, California?
- 9 A. Yes, I am.
- 10 Q. Were you a member of the law enforcement team that
- 11 executed that warrant?
- 12 A. Yes. I participated in the search warrant.
- 13 Q. Do you recognize anyone in this courtroom who was present
- 14 during the execution of that search warrant?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. Who do you recognize that was present during the execution
- 17 of that search warrant?
- 18 | A. To my right, counsel's side, I see Special Agent Jonathan
- 19 Ruiz, was the lead agent for the search warrant.
- 20 Q. Would you please describe Special Agent Ruiz. Just name
- 21 | an article of clothing that he might be wearing or a
- 22 characteristic feature.
- 23 | A. A gentleman that's bearded and wearing a suit and a white
- 24 shirt.
- THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. PENCE: May the record reflect that the witness 2 has identified Special Agent Ruiz? 3 THE COURT: I don't know if it's an issue, Counsel. He hasn't --4 5 MR. PENCE: No, Your Honor. It's true. Let me move 6 on. 7 Do you recognize anyone else who was present during the 8 search warrant? 9 Α. Yes, I do. 10 Who else do you recognize? 11 The gentleman in white clothing to the -- to my left. 12 THE COURT: Indicating the defendant. 13 MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor. What was your role in the execution of the search warrant? 14 15 I had two principal roles. I was part of the surveillance 16 team that sat on the house prior to the arrival of the 17 defendant, but my primary role for the day was the -- for digital devices that were anticipated to be seized at the 18 19 location for the day. 20 Did you enter the home that day? 21 I did. Α. 22 What did you do immediately before entering the home? 23 Before entering the home, I did see the defendant. I was 24 with him when he presented a phone. Then I also did a

walk-through of the home itself prior to doing any examination.

- 1 Q. What do you mean when you say the defendant presented a
- 2 phone?
- 3 A. Oh. While I was outside the home, a car did arrive at the
- 4 house. When it pulled into the driveway, the gentleman and an
- 5 | individual later identified as his mother came out of the
- 6 | vehicle. And the team that was waiting did approach them, and
- 7 | when he was patted down, they took a phone out of his pocket.
- 8 That was when I was with him, I first encountered him.
- 9 Q. Was that phone seized at that time?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What kind of phone was it?
- 12 A. It was an Apple iPhone.
- 13 Q. What did you do immediately after entering the home?
- 14 | A. Immediately after entering the home, I walked through the
- 15 | home. I was looking -- based on the search warrant, it
- 16 indicated that mobile devices were involved in the crime
- 17 | alleged. So, typically when I go into homes for search
- 18 | warrants, I look around for things that are immediately obvious
- 19 to me that were as pointed out in the search warrant. So I was
- 20 looking for mobile phones.
- 21 | Q. Did you follow that particular procedure on October 13,
- 22 2015?
- 23 A. I did.
- 24 | Q. Were any electronic devices seized that day from
- 25 defendant's home?

A. Yes.

- Q. What electronic devices were seized?
- 3 A. We seized some mobile phones, computers, and some external
- 4 storage devices.
- 5 Q. Did you seize a Evo Shift mobile phone?
- 6 A. Yes, we did.
- 7 Q. Do you know where that Evo Shift phone was found?
- 8 A. The Evo Shift was found -- when I entered the home, there
- 9 was a room. As soon as I went in, went to the right, there's a
- 10 room with a placard on it that says "AJ Room" -- "AJ's Room."
- 11 There was the Evo Shift on the couch in that room.
- 12 Q. Mr. Salaam, would you please take a look at Government's
- 13 Exhibits 15 and 16. They should be in the Redwell that is near
- 14 you.
- THE CLERK: I'll pull those for you.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MR. PENCE: Your Honor, I believe the courtroom
- 18 deputy's going to provide the Redwell for you in a moment.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you. Okay.
- 21 BY MR. PENCE:
- 22 Q. Do you recognize Exhibits 15 and 16?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- 24 Q. How do you recognize those exhibits?
- $25 \mid A$. 15 is the iPhone that was recovered from the person of

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the defendant, and 16 is the HTC phone that I referred to
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     earlier that I saw on the couch in the room labeled "AJ's
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     Room."
              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, government moves to admit
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     Exhibits 15 and 16.
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              THE COURT: Be received.
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          (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibits 15 and 16.)
              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, the defense, just for the
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     record, preserves its motion to suppress on these two phones
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     that were seized.
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              THE COURT: And that will be noted for the record,
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     Counsel. Thank you.
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              MS. ROSSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
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     BY MR. PENCE:
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          Was there any on-site inspection of Exhibits 15 and 16
     conducted that day?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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     Q.
          Who performed that inspection?
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         I did.
     Α.
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          What was the purpose of that inspection?
          Because they are mobile phones, the priority inspection is
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     to make sure I take them offline. Mobile devices, they keep
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    receiving signal, and since the goal is to preserve evidence,
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     we try to take them offline right away and then do -- once they
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     are offline, I do a preliminary review of the device.
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- Q. Were the phones locked when you first received them?
- 2 A. Yes.

- 3 Q. Were you ever -- were you able to unlock those phones?
- 4 A. Yes, I was.
- 5 Q. Did you obtain the password from those -- for those
- 6 phones?
- 7 A. I did.
- 8 Q. And from whom did you obtain the password for those
- 9 phones?
- 10 A. Special Agent Jonathan Ruiz.
- 11 Q. Was the Kik Messenger application open on either of those
- 12 | phones after you were able to input the password?
- 13 A. When I opened the HTC phone, it opened to a Kik
- 14 | application, but not the iPhone.
- 15 Q. And was there any specific account that was locked in --
- 16 logged in on that Kik Messenger application?
- 17 A. No. It was just open to the login screen.
- 18 | Q. What did you do with the electronic devices after you
- 19 seized them?
- 20 A. Once I identified the device we needed to seize, I
- 21 | presented it to the recording agent for recording.
- 22 Q. Did the recording agent return those devices to you?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And after the devices were returned to you, what did you
- 25 do with them?

- A. I took them to my lab and did my examination.
- Q. After you returned to the lab, how long did you maintain
- 3 | custody of the Evo Shift and the iPhone?
- 4 A. I had them for about a week.
- 5 Q. Did you conduct a forensic examination of the contents of
- 6 | the iPhone and the Evo Shift?
- 7 A. I did.

- 8 Q. Who asked you to perform that examination, those
- 9 examinations?
- 10 A. Special Agent Jonathan Ruiz, pursuant to a federal search
- 11 | warrant which I had prior.
- 12 Q. Did you prepare a written report of your examinations?
- 13 A. I did.
- 14 Q. What was the purpose of those examinations?
- 15 A. Guided by the search warrant, the purpose is to find
- 16 | evidence or -- either inclusive or exculpatory in nature
- 17 | highlighted in the warrant, and present them to Special Agent
- 18 Ruiz for review.
- 19 Q. How did you go about analyzing the Evo Shift phone in
- 20 particular?
- 21 | A. So the -- typically, mobile phones, the goal is to try to
- 22 get the forensic copy of the entire device. Now, different
- 23 | brands and the operating system on each one is different, so it
- 24 presents different difficulties. So my initial attempt was to
- 25 get a copy of the entire phone as it was. But I wasn't able to

- 1 do that. When I looked at the device, I found out that it also
- 2 | includes a separate micro SD device, which is an external
- 3 | removable storage. So since I couldn't get the whole device
- 4 | right away, I copied the storage device by itself and processed
- 5 | that right away because time constraint.
- 6 Q. Did you have any difficulty extracting the data that was
- 7 on that micro SD card?
- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 Q. How did you go about analyzing the iPhone?
- 10 A. Same process. I tried to get a copy of the entire device.
- 11 | IPhone's actually unique in that later versions of the
- 12 operating system, it's harder to get a complete copy of
- 13 | everything on the device because of the features that the
- 14 | manufacturer placed in, but I was able to get what's considered
- 15 | a logical copy of the phone to see what I could give to the
- 16 agent for review.
- 17 Q. What is a logical copy of the phone?
- 18 A. So, to describe a logical copy, I have to -- so, typically
- 19 | in doing the examination, I either do a physical copy or a
- 20 | logical copy. The way I'll describe the difference between the
- 21 | two, a logical copy of a device is essentially you're relying
- 22 on the device to provide you the information. So it's like
- 23 | meeting a stranger that you never know and saying, "Hi, what
- 24 | time is it?" and they tell you the time. No issue with that.
- 25 | And if you go too personal and say, "What is your name? What

- 1 is your husband's name?" depending on that person's
- 2 disposition, they may decide what they want to give to you.
- 3 | Compare that to someone else that's -- so when you are asked
- 4 | for the information from the device and it gives it to you
- 5 | willingly, that information is considered a logical copy, which
- 6 | means there's some things the device will give to me and some
- 7 | information it will not give to me. And that varies from
- 8 device to device and operating system to operating system.
- 9 A physical is when I can get everything on my own without
- 10 asking the device at all, which is the preferred option. For
- 11 | the iPhone, logical was the only option I had.
- 12 Q. Did you provide a copy of the extracted data from the
- 13 iPhone and the Evo Shift to anyone?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. Who did you provide that extracted data to?
- 16 A. I provided them to Special Agent Ruiz principally for
- 17 review.
- 18 | Q. Are you aware of whether Mr. Ruiz reviewed that material?
- 19 A. Yes. He did.
- 20 Q. Did Mr. Ruiz provide you any information about that
- 21 | material after you provided it to him?
- 22 A. Well, after he reviewed what I presented to him, he told
- 23 | me he found --
- MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay.
- THE COURT: Sustained.

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BY MR. PENCE:
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          Did you receive any information from Mr. Ruiz about that
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    data after you provided it to him?
              MS. ROSSI: Same objection.
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              THE COURT: Premature. Overruled at this time.
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          Did you receive any information?
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              THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Next question.
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    BY MR. PENCE:
          What information did you receive from Mr. Ruiz?
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              MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay.
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              THE COURT: Sustained.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, I'm not offering the
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     information for the truth of the matter; rather, the effect on
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     the listener to describe the process that the witness went
     through in reviewing the data.
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              THE COURT: It will still be sustained.
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              MR. PENCE: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
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         Did you perform any further analysis or conduct any
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     further analysis on the data that was extracted from the
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    phones?
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    A. After the review, yes.
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    Q. What further analysis did you do?
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          Okay. Okay. When I presented the item for review, the
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     agent, pursuant to the warrant, told me what was suspected
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     child pornography.
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              MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay. Motion to strike.
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              THE COURT: The question is, what did you do after you
     got this information from him? Did you do anything?
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              THE WITNESS: I did.
              THE COURT: Okay. What did you do?
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              THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. Well, what I did is based on
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     what I got back, so -- okay. When I got the information back
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     from the agent, I tried to identify what part of the device
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     those items identified came from.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              THE WITNESS: And then I did a report of my findings.
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    BY MR. PENCE:
     Q. Does the report reflect a -- all the information on the
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    phone, or a narrower part of the information that was on the
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    phone?
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     A. I'm not clear about your question.
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        Let me strike that question. Move to strike that
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     question.
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          What was the purpose of the report that you prepared after
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     you received -- after you conducted your further analysis?
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          The report is meant to discuss my findings after the
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     examination and review by the agent.
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     Q.
          And generally speaking, what were your findings?
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          That the two devices contained evidence alleged in the
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     search warrant, and -- I'm not sure. I think that's pretty
    much it.
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    Q. And did you provide that report to Agent Ruiz after you
    prepared it?
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         Yes, I did.
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    Α.
             MR. PENCE: May I consult with counsel, Your Honor?
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             THE COURT: Yes.
          (Government counsel confer privately.)
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             MR. PENCE: No further questions, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: Okay. Cross?
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             MS. ROSSI: No questions, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to take the liberty of
     just asking a couple of questions. I'm not too sure how
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    relevant it is.
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         You described the difference between a logical examination
     and a direct examination.
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             THE WITNESS: And a physical.
             THE COURT: And a physical examination.
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             THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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             THE COURT: A logical examination, you go to the phone
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     and you ask of the phone what's on it?
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             THE WITNESS: Correct.
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             THE COURT: How do you do a physical exam? What's the
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    difference?
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              THE WITNESS: Not to be too -- a physical, it's like a
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     dead body, essentially. You can go physically pick through the
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    dead body and do whatever you want to do with it, as opposed to
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     a living human being where you say, "Where's your heart?" I
     can decide to tell you or not logically. But a physical is you
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     have access to everything and you can take what's there without
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     asking for phone for it.
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          I'm not sure --
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              THE COURT: Well, I'm not too sure it's that relevant
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    to the case, but I certainly don't understand.
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              THE WITNESS: The key thing is, physical, you have
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     hundred percent of the information. Logical, you get what you
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     get; it's not necessarily a hundred percent.
             THE COURT: Yeah, but you have to get to the phone to
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     get the information even on a physical examination.
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             THE WITNESS: Correct.
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              THE COURT: Well, I don't want to waste time on this.
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     It's probably not relevant. It's just interesting information.
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         Any further questions of this witness, either side?
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             MS. ROSSI: No, Your Honor.
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             MR. PENCE: No, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Okay. You may step down. Thank you very
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    much.
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             THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government calls Special
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     Agent Jonathan Ruiz.
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              THE CLERK: Please --
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              THE COURT: We can now identify you.
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          Go ahead.
              THE CLERK: Do you solemnly swear the testimony that
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     you are about to give in the matter now before the Court shall
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     be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so
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    help you God?
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              THE WITNESS: I do.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.
          May I please ask that you state your full name for the
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     record and spell your last name.
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              THE WITNESS: Name is Jonathan Ruiz. First name is
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     spelled J-o-n-a-t-h-a-n. Last, R-u-i-z.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: You may inquire, Counsel.
                  JONATHAN RUIZ, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS,
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                           DIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Special Agent Ruiz, where do you work?
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          I work for Department of Homeland Security, Immigration
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     and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations in
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    our office in San Bernardino.
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     Q.
          What is your job title?
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     Α.
          I'm a special agent.
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          How long have you been a special agent with ICE?
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- A. Since April of 2007.
- 2 Q. What is a special agent?
- 3 A. Special agent is a criminal investigator assigned to
- 4 | investigate crimes within -- within our jurisdiction or our
- 5 statutes.

- 6 Q. What particular crimes do you investigate?
- 7 A. I'm assigned to a group that is assigned primarily child
- 8 exploitation cases, terrorism cases and immigration compliance
- 9 cases.
- 10 Q. On or about October 13, 2015, did you obtain a search and
- 11 | seizure warrant for 12959 Lasselle Street in Moreno Valley,
- 12 | California?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. Why did you obtain that warrant?
- 15 A. I had received information from an office, our office in
- 16 | HSI Delaware, that identified a residence in our area of
- 17 responsibility that was suspected of distributing child
- 18 pornography and producing child pornography.
- 19 Q. Did anyone assist you in the execution of that warrant?
- 20 A. Yes. Various individuals from our group in HSI Riverside.
- 21 Q. If I refer to the address 12959 Lasselle Street as "the
- 22 residence, " will you understand what I'm speaking of?
- 23 A. Yes, I will.
- 24 Q. What did the residence look like?
- 25 A. Single-story residence, attached garage.

- 1 Q. Was there anyone present at the address other than law
- 2 enforcement?
- 3 A. When the --
- 4 Q. At the time the search warrant was executed.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who was present then?
- 7 A. The defendant, Angelo Harper, Jr., and his mother.
- 8 Q. Is Mr. Harper present in the courtroom?
- 9 A. Yes, he is.
- 10 Q. Would you please identify a piece of clothing that
- 11 Mr. Harper is wearing.
- 12 A. He's wearing the white jumpsuit.
- 13 THE COURT: Indicating the defendant.
- 14 BY MR. PENCE:
- 15 Q. Did you seize any electronic devices from the defendant's
- 16 residence?
- 17 A. Yes, we did.
- 18 Q. What devices did you seize?
- 19 A. Seized computers, mobile phones, external storage media
- 20 devices.
- 21 Q. And how did you know that defendant resided there?
- 22 A. I had encountered him there, and he had identified that he
- 23 | had a room at that residence.
- 24 Q. What devices did you seize?
- 25 A. We seized computers, mobile phones and digital devi- --

1 thumb drives, external devices. Would you please take a look at Exhibits 15 and 16. Do 3 you recognize Exhibits 15 and 16? 4 I do. Α. What are they? 5 Q. They're mobile phones. 6 7 Would you please also take a look at Exhibit 17. Q. 8 THE CLERK: Physical? 9 (Exhibit was handed to the witness by the clerk.) 10 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 11 BY MR. PENCE: 12 Do you recognize Exhibit 17? 13 I do. Α. Q. How do you recognize Exhibits 15, 16 and 17? 14 15 We seized them from the residence. MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit 16 17 Exhibit 17; Exhibits 15 and 16 having already been admitted. 18 THE COURT: It will be received. 19 MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor. 20 (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 17.) BY MR. PENCE: 21 22 At your ICE office, is there a procedure for examining the 2.3 content of electronic devices? 24 Α. Yes, there is. 25 What is that procedure?

- 1 When a device or evidence has been seized, if it's an Α. electronic device, we typically will provide that to our 3 computer forensics agent, who will acquire the data on those 4 devices and make it available for the case agent to review to determine if there is evidence on the device within the scope 5 of the search warrant. 6 7 Was that procedure followed in this case? Q. Yes, it was. 8 Α. 9 And was it followed with respect to Exhibits 15 through 10 17? 11 A. Yes, it was. 12 THE COURT: Let me just stop you for a second, because 13 I'm not too sure it's been identified. Can you identify what 17 is? You identify that you seized 14 15 it, but what exactly is it? 16 THE WITNESS: 17 is a mobile phone. 17 THE COURT: Okay. 18 BY MR. PENCE: 19 What kind of a mobile phone is it? 20 This -- 17 is the HTC Hero. 21 THE COURT: Okay. 22 MR. PENCE: Thank you.
- copies of files found on defendant's iPhone and on the micro SD 25 card on his Evo Shift phone?

Q. As a result of this process, did you obtain forensic

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- A. Yes, I did.
 Q. From whom did you obtain those forensic copies?
 A. Computer forensics Agent Salaam.
- 4 Q. Would you please take a look at Exhibit 19.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. You recognize Exhibit 19?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. How do you recognize Exhibit 19?
- 9 A. I signed it.
- 10 Q. And what does Exhibit 19 contain?
- 11 A. It contains three images.
- MR. PENCE: Your Honor --
- THE COURT: Three images from where?
- 14 THE WITNESS: These -- the three images that are on
- 15 | this disc are three images that were recovered from the
- 16 defendant's iPhone.
- 17 BY MR. PENCE:
- 18 Q. Are the images that are on that disc fair and accurate
- 19 representations of the images that were found on defendant's
- 20 iPhone?
- 21 A. Yes, they are.
- MS. ROSSI: Objection, foundation. Objection same as
- 23 | in the motion in limine as to the images.
- THE COURT: Overruled.
- MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit

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Exhibit 19.
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              THE COURT: It will be received.
          (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 19.)
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Would you please just describe for us the images that are
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    Q.
     in Exhibit 19.
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    Α.
          Child pornography involving infants, toddlers.
          Would you please take a look at Exhibit 18.
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    Q.
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    Α.
         Yes.
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        Do you recognize Exhibit 18?
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    A. Yes, I do.
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    Q. What is Exhibit 18?
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          These are -- these are the photos recovered from the
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    defendant's iPhone that I have redacted for the purpose of
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    creating this exhibit.
          And do those images fairly and accurately reflect the
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     contents of the files found on defendant's iPhone?
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    A. Yes, they do.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit
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    Exhibit 18.
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              MS. ROSSI: Same objection, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: It will be noted for the record.
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          Counsel, do we know what time these images were -- all you
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     know is these images were on the phone. You have no idea when
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     they came on the phone, when they didn't? Or is this stored
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     images? I don't know what we're talking about here.
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              MR. PENCE: Okay.
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         Would you please describe where --
     Q.
              THE COURT: I know he got them off the phone.
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              MR. PENCE: Sure.
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              THE COURT: The question is, did he take them off a
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     database somewhere or did he take them off of a program
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     somewhere, an app somewhere? Where did they come from?
              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, objection, hearsay. This
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     witness wasn't the one who extracted --
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              THE COURT: Well, I'm just talking for identification.
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     I have no idea what we're talking about here. I don't know
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     what time -- they may have been photographs from 2001, for all
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     I know.
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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        Agent Ruiz, where were these images found on defendant's
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    phone?
              THE COURT: Well, again, the objection is hearsay.
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          All you know is, these were given to you. You don't know
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     where they came from or what they -- what time they were placed
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     on the phone or anything else; is that correct? You know they
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     were on the phone.
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              THE WITNESS: They're on the phone. They are images
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     that I identified relevant to the investigation as being images
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     I recognized that were posted to the NEPILOVERS chat room.
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1 THE COURT: So you're saying you recognized these 2 images from what you saw before? 3 THE WITNESS: That is why I bookmarked them. THE COURT: Okay. Overruled. 4 BY MR. PENCE: 5 Do you recognize Exhibits 20 and 22? 6 7 Twenty-two... yes, I do. Α. 8 Excuse me, Agent Ruiz, I think I may have -- I meant Q. 9 Exhibits 20 and 21. Do you recognize Exhibits 20 and 21? 10 Yes, I do. 11 How do you recognize Exhibits 20 and 21? 12 I signed these discs. 13 And what are Exhibits 20 and 21? They are -- both of them are compact discs. Twenty --14 15 twenty -- actually, 21 are two videos that I identified on the 16 HTC Evo Shift memory card, or the memory card within the HTC 17 Shift phone. Exhibit 20 is a clip of one of the videos from 18 those two videos. 19 MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit Exhibits 20 and 21. 20 21 MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we would object to the 22 admission. It's cumulative at this point. And this is the 23 video again. The Court already has the images in evidence. 24 It's 403. 25 THE COURT: Is this the 403 exhibit that we saw

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earlier?
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, these are -- they are not.
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     They are visually similar to the images that were already
     admitted, but they are being offered to show the connection
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     between the phones and the images that you've already seen.
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              THE COURT: Yeah, it seems to me to be --
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          Well, are these images you saw on the same date that we're
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     talking about that you -- images that you saw when you looked
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     at the phone and you said you saw advertising on the phone?
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     Were these images you saw on that date or you saw on a later
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     date?
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              THE WITNESS: These two exhibits here refer to content
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     identified or recovered from the HTC Evo. The other images
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     were from --
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              THE COURT: Talking about the date. We're talking
     about an allegation that there was advertisement going on for
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     child pornography on a certain date, and the Court's interested
     in whether or not -- what the photographs were surrounding that
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     date, et cetera, and surrounding that alleged advertising. The
     question is, were these from some other later date, or were
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     these from that time period?
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              THE WITNESS: I would have to look at the posting on
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     the NEPILOVERS, but it is a video contained on that NEPILOVERS
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     link.
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              THE COURT: It may not be during that date, Counsel.
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              MR. STOUT: Your Honor, may I have a --
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              THE COURT: Yes.
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          (Government counsel confer privately.)
              THE COURT: Counsel, why don't we give you a chance to
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     talk about it, because we are going to take a break at this
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     time, but I am concerned about the fact that -- and we've
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     talked about it before. What you need to prove this case is,
     obviously, significant to the Court, but bringing in the whole
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     kitchen sink and what happened down the road and say, "Well, we
     just want to bring this in to show" -- I guess another analogy
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     is, you can have a shooting in the Rose Bowl, and you can bring
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     in one witness who talks about the shooting, or you can bring
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     in 100,000 people, and the last, you know, 90,000 probably is
     just cumulative. And that's what the Court's problem with it
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     is, is that -- so anyway, think about it, and then we'll come
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     on back in as soon as we take the break.
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              MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
              THE CLERK: All rise.
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          (Recess held from 10:27 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.)
              THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, you may continue.
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor.
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          Before I continue examining the witness, I would just like
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     to explain to the Court why it is that we're engaging in the
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     examination, because I understand the Court's concern about
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     cumulative evidence, especially in a child pornography case.
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, I would just object to counsel
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     testifying at this point. I think that's for closing argument.
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              THE COURT: Overruled.
              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, this evidence, or the
 4
     testimony that we anticipate eliciting, goes directly to the
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     issue of identity, which the defendant is challenging in this
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     case. Specifically, the testimony that we anticipate will
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     establish that images that were posted on the Kik chat room in
 9
     August 26 -- or in August through October of 2015 are visually
     similar to images that were found on the defendant's phone.
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     That evidence corroborates the identity of the person who posts
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     the advertisements in the Kik chat room.
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          In other words, in other words, Your Honor, the same
     photographs that were found on defendant's phone were posted in
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     the Kik chat room. And if identity is going to be disputed by
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     defendants, this evidence is probative of the person who in
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     fact posted the chats in the Kik chat room.
              THE COURT: The question is, is how many photographs
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     that were on his phone that are similar are you going to be
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     putting in?
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor. We intend to put in one
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     clip from one video file that was found on defendant's phone,
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     as well as three redacted images that the -- three redacted
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     images of child pornography that were found on defendant's
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     iPhone.
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              THE COURT: And that's it, just those four items?
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                          Those are the items that we plan to put
              MR. PENCE:
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     in.
              THE COURT:
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                          Okay.
              MR. PENCE:
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                          Yes.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MS. ROSSI: And Your Honor, I can address it later if
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     the Court wants, but the video, the Court doesn't need the
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     actual video, because the Court has Mr. Harper's admission to
     that count, Count 2. That would be cumulative, it would be
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     extremely prejudicial, and it's not necessary for the Court to
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     view it.
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              THE COURT: If it's not an issue, if you're not going
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     to contest that issue that they're going towards, then that's
15
     fine, but he indicated that you were contesting identity.
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we think that the other images
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     are sufficient to establish what the government is trying to
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     establish. The three redacted images that the government is
19
     seeking --
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              THE COURT: Well, it may be, but I quess what I'm
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     saying is, I'm assuming it's still an issue, identity is still
22
     an issue in this case.
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              MS. ROSSI: No, Your Honor, I don't believe so.
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              MR. PENCE: Is the defense stipulating that --
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                      Excuse me, Your Honor. Just a moment.
          Excuse me.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
          (Government counsel confer privately.)
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              THE COURT: And counsel, let me make a suggestion. If
    you want to take just 30 seconds and the two sides talk
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     together rather than this side talking and this side talking,
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     if there's some agreement, that's fine, let me know, and if
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     there's not, then I'll rule on it.
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              MR. PENCE: I understand, Your Honor, and I appreciate
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     that. I'm getting advice from my elders and betters and --
              THE COURT: Well, I don't mind that, but I'm thinking
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    maybe the two of you would like to talk.
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              MR. PENCE: Well, the defense is not contesting
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     identity, and so we don't need -- the government does not
     intend to put in its case in chief the video footage of child
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    pornography that was discussed earlier, but reserves its right
     to put those clips in evidence in its rebuttal if something
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     happens on defendant --
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              THE COURT: Okay. Fine.
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Agent Ruiz, did you receive, from Oladele Salaam, data
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     from the HTC Evo Shift phone?
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          Yes, I did.
    Α.
23
    Q.
          Did you review that data?
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    Α.
          Yes, I did.
25
          And did any -- what did you find in that data?
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              MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay.
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              THE COURT: Sustained.
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    BY MR. PENCE:
          Agent Ruiz, would you please turn to Exhibit 18.
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         Yes.
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    Α.
         Do you recognize Exhibit 18?
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    Q.
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         I do.
    Α.
    Q. What is Exhibit 18?
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        Exhibit 18 are printouts of images I have redacted,
    recovered from the iPhone, the defendant's iPhone.
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         Are they fair and accurate representations of those
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     images -- of images found on the defendant's iPhone?
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    A. Yes, they are.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit
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    those images, Exhibit 18.
              THE COURT: Will be received.
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          (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 18.)
    BY MR. PENCE:
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         Did you make any observations about those images that you
    found on defendant's iPhone?
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21
    A. Yes, I did.
22
    Q. What observation did you make?
23
         These -- specifically these three images were the same
24
     images that were posted to the NEPILOVERS chat room as captured
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by SA McCall. Special Agent McCall. Sorry.

- Q. Were they absolutely identical to the images that were
- 2 | found on the S -- strike that. Excuse me.
- 3 I withdraw the question, Your Honor.
- 4 At the search warrant, at the execution of the search
- 5 | warrant, did you interview the defendant?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.

- 7 Q. How long did that interview last?
- 8 A. Approximately two hours.
- 9 Q. Where did that interview take place?
- 10 A. At his residence.
- 11 | Q. Who was present during the interview?
- 12 | A. Myself, Riverside County district attorney investigator
- 13 Heidi Chebahtah, and the defendant.
- 14 Q. Did you make a recording of that interview?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. How was that recording made?
- 17 A. With a digital voice recorder.
- 18 | Q. Had you used similar digital voice recorders in the past?
- 19 A. Yes. Numerous times.
- 20 Q. And was the device used that day in normal operating
- 21 condition?
- 22 A. Yes, it was.
- 23 | Q. Was the device capable of accurately reproducing sounds?
- 24 A. Yes, it was.
- 25 Q. Do you recognize Exhibits 25A through Z?

- A. Exhibit 25 is a compact disc that I've signed.
- 2 | Q. What does Exhibit 25 contain?
- 3 A. This is a disc containing portions of the recorded
- 4 interview that took place on October 13, 2015.
- 5 Q. How do you know that to be true?
- 6 A. I've reviewed the contents of this disc, and I signed it
- 7 | after I reviewed those contents.
- 8 Q. Do those clips fairly and accurately reflect the
- 9 defendant's statements during that interview?
- 10 A. Yes, they do.

- MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit
- 12 Exhibits 25A through Z.
- MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we just have objections to
- 14 | some of the contents of the clips, including there's
- 15 | approximately, I believe, 50 minutes of Mr. Harper discussing
- 16 | the unrelated pending matter in the Riverside Superior Court,
- 17 | which the government has moved to admit under Federal Rules of
- 18 | Evidence 414 and we've objected to. It's the subject of a
- 19 motion in limine. It's extremely lengthy, and I don't think
- 20 the Court needs to hear all of that.
- MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the defendant made almost two
- 22 | hours' worth of statements and admissions during his interview.
- 23 The government has selected clips that substantially cut down
- 24 | the length of time that would need to be played in court, and
- 25 | intends to play only a fraction of that entire interview.

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             THE COURT: Well --
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             MR. PENCE: And in addition, Your Honor, I believe
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    that the --
             THE COURT: You're introducing the entire transcript
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    here.
             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, I believe Agent Ruiz just
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 7
     identified an exhibit that contains just clips from the
     interview that occurred.
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             THE COURT: Is that true? It's not the whole
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    interview?
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             THE WITNESS: Correct, this CD's just clips from that
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    interview.
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             THE COURT: And Counsel, have you had a chance to
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    listen to those clips?
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             MS. ROSSI: I have not, but government counsel did
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    provide the portions of the transcript that it intends to
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     introduce, and so our concern is that, added up, about 50
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    minutes of it specifically relates to --
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             THE COURT: You're objecting to parts of it that deal
    with discussions that dealt with the state court matters; is
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    that correct?
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             MS. ROSSI: Correct. Yes, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Okay. And that was the subject of a
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    motion in limine.
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             MS. ROSSI: It was, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor -- sorry.
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              THE COURT: And you're saying that you want to admit
     that under 414?
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              MR. PENCE: Rule 414, Your Honor, which specifically
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    provides that prior -- or acts of molestation are admissible.
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              THE COURT: Read the first sentence of 414 if you have
     it there.
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor, I've read it.
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              THE COURT: Can you read it out loud?
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             MR. PENCE: Certainly, Your Honor.
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                 "In a criminal case in which a defendant is
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              accused of child molestation, the Court may admit
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              evidence that the defendant committed any other
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              act of child molestation."
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              THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to sustain the objection
     as to that portion. I'm not too sure this qualifies under that
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     section, the meaning of that section as child molest- -- as he
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     being charged in this case with child molestation.
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              MS. PALMER: Your Honor, may I --
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              THE COURT: I know the argument on it, Counsel. The
22
     Court's going to sustain the objection as to conversations
2.3
     concerning the other child molestations.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, we'll proceed and -- cognizant
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     of the Court's ruling.
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THE COURT: Yeah, the rest of it will be admitted.
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              MR. PENCE: Okay.
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              THE COURT: And I don't know if you -- are you going
    to be playing that, or are you going to have him testify to
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     that, or what are you going to do?
              MR. PENCE: To the recorded conversation?
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              THE COURT: Yeah.
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              MR. PENCE: We are going to play the recording and
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    provide -- yes, Your Honor.
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          Your Honor, I'm asking my colleague to play a clip which
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     is Exhibit 25B, which is found in the -- among the admitted
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     clips.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: And that clip is from 6 minutes and 50
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     seconds to 12 minutes and 1 second --
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: -- in the defendant's recorded interview.
          Oh, and Your Honor, if you would like to follow along, the
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     matching transcript is shown in 25B of the government's exhibit
     binder.
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             32B.
21
          (Audio played.)
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government now would play
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    Exhibit 25C, which is found in the recording at minutes 12:20,
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     12 minutes and 20 seconds, through 13 minutes.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay.
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MR. PENCE: And which is in Your Honor's exhibit
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     binder at 32C.
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              THE COURT: Got it.
          (Audio played.)
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    BY MR. PENCE:
          Agent Ruiz, do you recognize the voices that you hear in
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 7
     Exhibits 25B and 25C that were just played?
          Yes, I do.
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    Α.
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          Whose voices are those?
          It's myself and the defendant, Angelo Harper, Jr.
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              MR. PENCE: The government will now play clip 25E,
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     which is from 18 minutes and 20 seconds in the recorded
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     interview through 21 minutes and 2 seconds in the recorded
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     interview.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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          (Audio played.)
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    BY MR. PENCE:
          Agent Ruiz, did you recognize the voices in the clip that
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19
    you just heard?
20
        Yes, I did.
     Α.
21
     Q. Whose voices were in that clip?
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         Myself, investigator Heidi Chebahtah, and the defendant,
23
    Angelo Harper, Jr.
24
              MR. PENCE: The government's now going to play clip
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     25E, which is a clip from the same interview, between minutes
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1 21 and 34 seconds to 22 minutes and 13 seconds. 2 (Audio played.) BY MR. PENCE: 3 Agent Ruiz, would you please look at Exhibit 22. 4 Q. Yes. 5 Α. You recognize Exhibit 22? 6 Q. 7 I do. Α. 8 Q. How do you recognize Exhibit 22? 9 These are copies of the printouts I showed the defendant Α. during our interview on October 13, 2015. 10 11 MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government moves to admit 12 Exhibit 22. 13 THE COURT: Be received. (Received in evidence, Government's Exhibit 22.) 14 15 BY MR. PENCE: 16 What, if anything, did the defendant tell you about 17 Exhibit 22 when you showed him on the day -- when you showed it to him on the day you interviewed him? 18 19 The -- that he recognized the documents, the first being 20 this screen capture here of the user profile Bobby Green and 21 the profile for the group NEPILOVERS on Kik. 22 Did you discuss anything else about Exhibit 22 with 2.3 defendant?

The subsequent photograph which I showed him was a

redacted version of a phone -- I'm sorry, was a version, a

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- 1 redacted version of what SA McCall downloaded from the
- 2 | NEPILOVERS chat room. I showed him this photograph, and he
- 3 | identified it. He recognized it as one he had posted to the
- 4 group.
- 5 Q. Did you and the defendant have any further discussion
- 6 about the redacted photograph that's in Exhibit 22?
- 7 A. Yes, we did.
- 8 Q. What additional discussion did you have about that
- 9 photograph?
- 10 A. The defendant explained -- when I showed him the image
- 11 here, he had explained that other members of the group had been
- 12 misleaded by the photo.
- 13 Q. Did he explain to you how it was that he believed that
- 14 | they had been misled?
- 15 A. The image -- the image appears on Kik as though it had
- 16 been taken live on the defendant's device that he was using to
- 17 communicate on Kik.
- 18 | Q. Stepping away from the photo for a second, did the
- 19 defendant explain to you how he used his electronic devices to
- 20 post on Kik?
- 21 A. Yes, he did.
- 22 Q. With reference to Exhibits 15 and 16, could you
- 23 demonstrate for us how he explained he posted devices on Kik?
- 24 A. Posted images or --
- 25 Q. Posted images, excuse me.

- 1 A. Exhibit 15 is the defendant's iPhone that was recovered
- 2 from his person. The defendant explained to me that he would
- 3 recover or -- or obtain images of child pornography using the
- 4 | iPhone image, whether it be TOR or his application, Kik. He
- 5 | would present that image on his iPhone, and then using what is
- 6 Exhibit 16, the HTC Evo that is logged into the Kik
- 7 | application, would take a photograph of the iPhone screen so
- 8 | that it is transmitted to the Kik chat room.
- 9 O. You mentioned TOR. What is TOR?
- 10 A. TOR is short for The Onion Router. It is a browsing -- a
- 11 | browser that he had explained to me he uses to obtain child
- 12 pornography.
- 13 Q. Did you discuss with defendant other sources from which he
- 14 | obtained child pornography to post online?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. What other sources did he identify to you?
- 17 A. In addition to TOR and in addition to Kik, he had
- 18 | identified a long time ago having used Google Images, having
- 19 received child pornography images on platforms like Yahoo
- 20 | Messenger, as well as a service called -- an electronic service
- 21 | called pCloud, which is an electronic service that provides a
- 22 user the ability to store files online and also make those
- 23 | files available to other users through hyperlinks or password
- 24 | access. And Zip. Another one, Zip, was another application
- 25 | that he had used to retrieve child pornography files that would

- 1 be -- that he told me would be found on his iPhone.
- 2 | Q. Have you reviewed screen shots of the images that
- 3 defendant posted on the Kik user group, chat room, NEPILOVERS?
- 4 A. I have reviewed the screen captures SA McCall obtained on
- 5 NEPILOVERS, yes.
- 6 Q. Did you observe any reference or mention of the pCloud
- 7 | service on those screen captures?
- 8 A. Yes, I did.
- 9 Q. What reference or mention did you on see on those screen
- 10 | captures?
- 11 A. In one of the postings made by the Bobby Green account to
- 12 | the NEPILOVERS chat room is a hyperlink for a video file which
- 13 portions of were found on the HTC Evo memory card. But the
- 14 posting itself contained the hyperlink referencing pCloud and
- 15 | the ability to obtain the file using that hyperlink.
- 16 Q. What is a hyperlink?
- 17 A. Hyperlink provides a user the ability to touch like you
- 18 | would on a cursor on a computer screen. You would click it.
- 19 And in the case of a phone or a mobile device, you would use
- 20 | your finger, and it would make available the content depicted
- 21 on the screen. It would link you to the source of that
- 22 information.
- 23 MR. PENCE: The government is now going to play clip
- 24 25-0.
- 25 THE COURT: 25 --

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MR. PENCE: O. Which is from 1 hour and 1 minute and
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     46 seconds to 1 hour and 11 minutes and 33 seconds in the
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     recorded interview of defendant on October 13, 2015.
              THE COURT: Okay.
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          (Audio played.)
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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 7
          Agent Ruiz, do you recognize the voices that you heard in
     Q.
 8
     the clips that were just played?
 9
          Yes, I do.
     Α.
          Whose voices were those?
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11
         Mine and the defendant, Angelo Harper, Jr.
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              MR. PENCE: The government will now play clip 25Q,
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     which is a clip from 1 hour, 20 minutes and 43 seconds to 1
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     hour, 20 minutes and 58 seconds.
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          (Audio played.)
    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Whose voices were in that clip, Agent Ruiz?
        Myself and again the defendant, Angelo Harper, Jr.
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              MR. PENCE: And the government will now play clip 25R,
     which is from 1 hour, 22 minutes and -- clip 25R, which is
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     between 1 hour, 22 minutes and 10 seconds, and 1 hour, 22
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    minutes and 30 seconds.
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          (Audio played.)
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    BY MR. PENCE:
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          Agent Ruiz, I'd like to turn your attention to the HTC
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- Shift phone. Did you review data extracted from the HTC Shift
- 2 phone?

- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. Did you make any observations about the data that you
- 5 extracted from that phone?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. What observations did you make?
- 8 A. The phone, the memory card within the phone in which the
- 9 data was extracted, there were two videos. There were portions
- 10 of a video that were the same video downloaded by SA McCall
- 11 | from the NEPILOVERS chat room that was posted by the defendant.
- 12 | Q. How do you know that they were portions of the same video
- 13 | that had been extracted from Agent McCall?
- 14 A. I reviewed Agent McCall's screen captures. I've also
- 15 | reviewed the video downloaded by Agent McCall, the full
- 16 | six-minute video, and compared those to what was found on the
- 17 HTC Evo memory card.
- 18 Q. Were those videos, did they depict the same thing?
- 19 A. They're -- yes. They are visually similar. They contain
- 20 | a segment of the video that was downloaded by Agent McCall of
- 21 the whole video.
- 22 Q. Would you please describe the segment that you viewed.
- 23 A. The -- the segment that I viewed on the HTC memory card?
- 24 Q. That's correct.
- 25 A. They depict a young boy, under the age of three years old,

being sexually assaulted by a male adult. During the video 1 2 there are some advertisements or banners acknowledging the 3 boy's age. I believe it -- boy ram --MS. ROSSI: Objection, hearsay. 4 THE COURT: Overruled. 5 6 THE WITNESS: Two years old --7 THE COURT: This is what you saw; is that correct? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, this is in the video itself. The 9 video is segmented into sort of portions where there's the 10 visual depiction of a minor being sexually assaulted, and then 11 it will stop and display a banner page, I think -- I think 12 something to the effect of "the boy eats cum," and then it will 13 play another portion in which the boy's sexually assaulted 14 where a male adult is forcing his penis into the boy's mouth. 15 BY MR. PENCE: Okay. Let's be clear. The video, the portion of the 16 17 video that you just described, that was six minutes in length? 18 Α. Yes. Where was that video found? 19 20 That is the video that was downloaded by Agent McCall from 21 the NEPILOVERS room as posted by the Bobby Green account. 22 And how do you know that? Q. 2.3 I have reviewed it and I've watched it. 24 Okay. And you watched other videos found on the 25 defendant's HTC Evo Shift memory card?

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          Correct.
     Α.
          And how long were those videos?
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          Those portions were very short, like a minute each, I
    believe.
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          And you compared those portions to what you saw in Agent
 5
     McCall's -- you compared those portions to what you saw that
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 7
     Agent McCall had downloaded?
 8
          Yes. I -- as I was going through the content on the HTC,
 9
     I found those videos and recalled them from being what was
10
     downloaded from -- by McCall.
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              MR. PENCE: Just one moment, Your Honor.
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          Your Honor, the government will now play Exhibit 25V.
              THE COURT: D as in David?
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              MR. PENCE: V as in Victor, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: V as in Victor, okay.
              MR. PENCE: Which runs from 1 hour, 39 minutes and 26
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     seconds of the full recorded transcript, or from the full
     recording, to 1 hour and 39 minutes and 36 seconds of that
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     recording.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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          (Audio played.)
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              MR. PENCE: The government will now play clip 25Y from
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     the full recording of defendant's recorded interview, and that
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     clip is from 1 hour, 49 minutes and 37 seconds to 1 hour, 52
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     minutes and 1 second.
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Okay.
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              THE COURT:
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          (Audio played.)
     BY MR. PENCE:
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          When you interviewed the defendant on October 13th, did
     Q.
     you suspect that he had produced child pornography?
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          Yes. Yes, we did.
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 7
          Why did you suspect that he had produced child
 8
     pornography?
 9
          The Kik application identifies the source of the file
10
     that's being uploaded to the service provider, and in some of
11
     the pictures that the Bobby Green account posted to the
12
     NEPILOVERS chat room contained a tag on the photo that said
13
     "camera."
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          Unlike an image that somebody uploads to Kik from, say,
15
     their gallery or a pre-existing photo that's on their device,
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     if an individual or a Kik user wants to use one of those images
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     and post it to the gallery -- I'm sorry, post it to the Kik
     chat room, it will have a gallery tag on the image that is
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19
     transmitted to the group.
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          When this case first initiated, the images that were of
21
     concern to myself and Agent McCall were the ones that
22
     specifically had the photo icon -- I'm sorry, camera icon on
23
     the image in the room. We believe that he had had access to a
24
     child and was taking photos of the molestation.
25
          And during the interview, did you ask the defendant about
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- these concerns that you had that he had produced child
- 2 pornography?

- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. How did you understand him to -- what did -- what was his
- 5 response?
- 6 A. Well, I believe I'd hinted earlier, or not hinted, but
- 7 | stated earlier that he had discussed or told me that other
- 8 | members of the group were misleaded by the photos as well,
- 9 because they do have a camera tag on the image, and that they
- 10 | weren't, in fact, children that were in the house that were
- 11 | being sexually assaulted; they were pictures of existing images
- 12 | he had recovered from the Internet displayed on his iPhone and
- 13 then took a picture using another device, in this case
- 14 Exhibit 16, in transmitting those to the Kik chat room.
- 15 Q. Did you try to confirm the story that defendant told you
- 16 | about how he had posted the images that you thought might have
- 17 been produced child pornography?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. What did you do to confirm -- what did you do to try to
- 20 | confirm the defendant's story?
- 21 | A. I looked back at the images that were uploaded to Kik, the
- 22 | screen capture specifically that SA McCall or Agent McCall
- 23 | caught or obtained, and in those images, some of the pictures
- 24 | that were -- or images that were uploaded to Kik, you can see a
- 25 | border. The image is sort of askew, and you see what would not

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be depicted if an individual was just taking a picture using a
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     camera, and there would be no frame. The image actually was
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     cut on the side. I looked at it further, and it appears to be
     the edge of an iPhone that is displayed on the image that was
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    posted to the Kik NEPILOVERS room.
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              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government has no further
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    questions.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, on cross -- and let me
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    help you out. We're going to have to break in about five or
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     ten minutes. Would you rather just come back at 1:30 and start
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    your cross then?
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              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, I don't have any questions.
              THE COURT: That's no fair, Counsel.
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          Okay, you may step down.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Then let me go over to the prosecution.
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          Would you care to call your next witness now,
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     understanding you've got about five or ten minutes, or would
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     you rather start it at 1:30?
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              MR. STOUT: May we have a moment, Your Honor?
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              THE COURT: Sure.
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          (Government counsel confer privately.)
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              MS. PALMER: Your Honor, we prefer to take the lunch
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    break if we can.
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              THE COURT: Okay. We'll break now, come back at 1:30.
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Probably have to break about 2:30, quarter of 3:00, so
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     it's only about an hour or hour and a few minutes we have this
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     afternoon, and then we should have all day tomorrow on it,
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     okay?
              MS. PALMER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              MR. STOUT: Thank you.
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          Your Honor, if I could, in the event that -- the last
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     witness is the one that is subject to the objection, so in the
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     event that that witness does not -- is not called today, would
     the Court proceed to closing argument this afternoon, or would
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     the Court -- if there were no more witnesses in the
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     government's case in chief, and obviously depending on what the
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     defense does on their case in chief --
              THE COURT: Counsel, I mentioned before the advantage
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     of -- and I know maybe I'm preaching to the choir, the
     advantage of two sides talking together, because many times you
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     can streamline it for both sides and make it easier for both
     sides. You can get much more done if you talk together. If
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     the two sides came together on this and said we really would
     like to wait till tomorrow morning, I normally will do anything
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     that both sides agree on. Otherwise, I'll make the call.
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              MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              MS. ROSSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: So I guess what I'm saying is, talk to
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     each other.
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              THE CLERK: All rise.
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          Court is in recess.
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          (Lunch recess held from 11:37 a.m. to 1:54 p.m.)
              THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, you want to call your next
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    witness, please.
              MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government has a few
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    housekeeping matters to address with the Court.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: To start, Your Honor, the government would
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    move in the transcript of defendant's quilty plea, which is
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    Exhibit 31.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
              MR. PENCE: The government's moving that that exhibit
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    be admitted into evidence.
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              THE COURT: It has. What exhibit number?
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              MR. PENCE: 31.
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              THE COURT: Oh, 31? Okay.
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             MR. PENCE: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Okay, it will be received.
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              MR. PENCE: In addition, Your Honor, the parties have
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     reached a stipulation. The parties -- which I'd like to read
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     into the record.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: "The parties stipulate that the images in
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     Government's Exhibit 12 and at page 1 of Government's Exhibit
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18 depict actual minors."
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              THE COURT: So stipulated, Counsel?
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              MS. ROSSI: So stipulated, Your Honor.
              MR. PENCE: In addition, Your Honor, we would like to
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    make it clear on the record that the defendant himself
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     stipulates.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Well, she stipulated, and that's
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    all that we need at this time. Okay.
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              MR. PENCE: Yes, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: Okay.
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             MR. PENCE: Your Honor, the government rests.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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         Defense?
             MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, the defense rests.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, you wish to be heard now?
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     I did give you that option of tomorrow. I thought it was going
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    to go longer.
              MS. ROSSI: Your Honor, we'd request to come back
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    tomorrow.
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              MR. PENCE: That works for the government as well,
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    Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Sounds good to me.
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          9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning?
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              MR. PENCE: We'll be there.
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              MS. ROSSI: That works for the defense.
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              THE COURT: Okay. We'll see you back then.
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              MR. PENCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              MS. ROSSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE CLERK: All rise.
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          Court is adjourned.
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                  (Proceedings adjourned at 1:56 p.m.)
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          I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 753,
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     Title 28, United States Code, the foregoing is a true and
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                           /S/ SANDRA MACNEIL
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